

COURT GIVES BLUETT FOUR YEARS IN PRISON

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Charge.

William Bluett, alias John J. Brewer, alias John J. Morris, etc., an aged paralytic, pleaded guilty to two counts of forgery in the Corporation Court yesterday morning and was sentenced by Judge Barham to serve four years in the State penitentiary—two years on each count. Bluett is wanted in several other cities on charges of forgery, but, even though he lives to finish his present four-year sentence, it is not likely that any of the other cases against him will be pushed.

The scheme worked by Bluett was a very simple one, but he operated it for some time and secured various small sums of money before he finally was captured. He formerly was employed by P. F. Collier & Son as an agent and after he lost his position he continued to use the same method of securing his "expenses" as he did while working for the company. He would send a telegram to some nearby city, directing himself to draw a draft on P. F. Collier & Son for "expense" money. He would then follow the telegram to the city, receive it, draw his draft, present draft and telegram at a bank and collect the face value.

Sent Telegram From This City.
Bluett came to Newport News several weeks ago and sent a telegram to Williamsburg, directing himself to draw on the "house" for expense money. He then went to Williamsburg, drew a draft for \$25, and taking both draft and telegram to a bank, he drew \$25. Returning home again he sent a telegram to Suffolk and then proceeded to that city. He used the same method there and secured \$20. From Suffolk he went to Norfolk and there he sent a telegram to himself at Cape Charles and proceeded to draw some money from a bank there.

The game did not work at Cape Charles, however. When Bluett presented his telegram and draft, the cashier of the bank telegraphed Norfolk and learned that Bluett was an imposter. The matter was reported to the Cape Charles police and Bluett was placed under arrest. Later an officer was sent to Cape Charles from this city and the prisoner was brought here for trial.

In a statement to the local police, Bluett claimed that his mind was affected by a stroke of paralysis and that, as he had been in the habit of drawing his expense money in this manner, he just continued to do so and was powerless to stop the practice. It was thought that this would be the line of defense, but, when the case was called, Judge E. E. Montague, of Hampton, counsel for the accused, announced that the prisoner would plead guilty and throw himself on the mercy of the court. Judge Barham imposed the minimum penalty for each offense.

Anderson Placed On Trial.
Immediately after Bluett's case was disposed of, the case of Anthony L. Anderson, of Nansemond county, who is charged with stealing a valuable sail boat from E. H. Davis, of Morrisville, was called. No time was lost in impounding a jury and the trial began before the noon recess.

Attorneys R. M. Lett and T. J. Carlinian represented the prisoner and Captain Charles C. Berkeley prosecuted the case. A number of witnesses were heard, but the argument before the jury had not begun when Judge Barham adjourned court for the day. The trial will be resumed this morning.

It is alleged that Anderson stole the boat while it was tied up on the waterfront in this city. Several days after the loss of the boat was reported, the local police received information that the craft had been seen on the other side of James river and Patrolman Giddings, the mariner of the police department, was sent across the river in a launch to look for the vessel. He found it and brought it back to this city. Anderson's arrest followed this later.

Anderson claims that he and Davis had a business transaction and that the latter declined to settle so he took the boat in payment.

Try Negro For Murder.
At the conclusion of Anderson's trial, the case of John Henry Jordan, a negro, who is charged with the murder of Fred Dunn, a sailor of the crew of the schooner George E. Walcott, will be called. Mr. C. Aylett Ashby and Attorney Thomas J. Newsome, colored, are counsel for Jordan. Captain Berkeley will represent the Commonwealth.

Jordan cut Dunn at Jefferson avenue and Twenty-fifth street on June 4. The sailor, it seems, made some remarks about a woman who was with Jordan and the negro slashed him with a knife, inflicting a wound on his hand between the thumb and forefinger. Apparently the wound was an insignificant one, but as Dr. J. W. Ayler, city physician, predicted it might, it proved fatal. Dunn was able to testify against the negro at the preliminary hearing, but his wound continued to bleed and he

died on June 11 in the hospital department of the city jail.

Social-Personal

A very pretty home wedding took place yesterday morning at 9 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Harriett Cottrell on Thirty-fourth street, when her daughter, Miss Metella Cottrell, became the bride of Mr. Frank Henry Sibert of Fordwick, Virginia. Rev. E. T. Dadman, pastor of the Trinity Methodist church performing the ceremony.

The wedding was a very simple and pretty one, the bride entering the parlor on the arm of the groom as the wedding march was rendered by Professor A. V. Smith on the violin, accompanied by his wife on the piano. During the ceremony the "Evening Star" from Tanhauser was softly played by Prof. and Mrs. Smith. The parlor was exquisitely decorated with maiden hair ferns and palms.

The bride was becomingly gowned in a gray traveling gown, and carried a snowier bouquet of American beauty roses.

The bride is widely known in this city having resided here for a number of years, and having been very active in church work as a member of the Trinity Methodist church. The groom also is well known here, having formerly lived in this city for a number of years and being at one time assistant secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association. Both have many friends in the city.

Directly after the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Sibert left for Richmond over the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad enroute to Fordwick where they will make their home.

Mrs. C. C. Graves and children of Richmond are the guests of Mrs. W. P. Graves at her home in the North End.

Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Llewellyn and son Larness have returned from a visit to relatives in New York and Albany.

Mrs. J. M. Slaughter and daughter Alice have returned from a visit to relatives in Norfolk.

Miss Mary Wendt, of Lewistown, Pa., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Rhoebach at their home in the North End.

Mrs. Elizabeth Bailey, of Portsmouth, who has been the guest of her daughter, Mrs. E. B. Land in this city, has returned to her home.

Miss Ree Bland, of Richmond, is the guest of her mother, Mrs. J. H. Bland at her home on Thirty-fifth street.

Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Weaver left Sunday for Buffalo, Lithia Springs, where Mr. Weaver will recuperate from his recent illness.

Miss Elton Weaver, who has been ill at her home on Chestnut avenue, is convalescing.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Overman, who have been living in Camden for several months, have returned here and will make their future home in this city.

Miss Emily Gilliams, of Petersburg, is the guest of Miss Margaret Reynolds, on West avenue.

Miss Willie Price has returned to the city from Elkton, Md., to spend the summer with Mrs. W. W. Rowell.

BENNIE JONES HANDLES GOUCH LIKE A BABY

New York Boy No Match For the
Local Wrestling Champion—Two
Falls in Eighteen Minutes.

Bennie Jones found it an easy task to put Young Gouch's shoulders to the mat twice in eighteen minutes at the armory hall last night. The New York boy, who came here for the purpose of meeting Jones, found himself entirely out of his class when he went on the mat with the local champion. Bennie handled him as though he were a baby, and had him gasping for breath after the first few minutes of action, much to the delight of the small though enthusiastic crowd that watched the bout.

Gouch went down at the end of nine minutes under a forward hammerlock, with a bear hug. After ten minutes intermission they went at it again, and in just another nine minutes Bennie had a forward hammerlock connected up with a headlock, and down went Gouch's shoulders again.

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ARGUES CASE OVER LONG DISTANCE PHONE

Captain Berkeley Tells Governor of
Pennsylvania Why Henderson
is Badly Wanted Here.

ACCUSED FIGHTING EXTRADITION

Officer Chewning Presents Extradition Papers to Pennsylvania Executive—Henderson's Counsel Objects, and Captain Berkeley Is Called On 'Phone.

While prosecuting a case in the Corporation Court yesterday afternoon, Commonwealth's Attorney, Berkeley was called out of the court room to argue a case in Harrisburg, Penn., over the long distance telephone. The case was that of the extradition of E. I. Henderson, who is wanted here on charges of forgery.

Henderson was located in Bellwood, Penn., for the local police, and Officer Chewning was sent to Pennsylvania last week to bring the prisoner back here for trial. Henderson retained counsel and is fighting extradition. When Officer Chewning presented the requisition paper from Governor Swanson to the governor of Pennsylvania yesterday, counsel for the accused opposed the honoring of the papers.

After a conference, the governor directed the secretary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to call Captain Berkeley up over the long distance telephone and hear his grounds for requesting the extradition of the accused. Captain Berkeley briefly recited the charges against the man and was informed by the secretary of the Commonwealth that he would present the requisition to the governor and that the state's executive would render his decision in the case this morning.

Henderson is wanted here on the charge of forging the names of certain persons in Bluefield, West Va., to receipts of the Newport Electric Company, of this city. This company has the contract for the electric wiring in a public building being erected in Bluefield by Mr. E. E. Morgan. Henderson was sent to Bluefield from this city by the electric company to take charge of the work, and is alleged to have sent to the company for sums of money to pay various bills and then to have returned receipts, showing that the bills were paid. Among other bills which he said he paid was that of the city electrician of Bluefield. He returned a receipt to the company, but when communicated with, the city electrician said that he had not been paid any for his work and that no receipt had been signed for such fee.

Several weeks ago, Henderson wrote the company that the work was progressing at a satisfactory rate and that he was going to take a trip to the home of his parents in Bellwood, Penn., and would return later and finish up the work. After his departure from Bluefield, the company began making a few investigations and later asked the local police to have Henderson arrested.

VAUDEVILLE AND PICTURES

A capital show is offered by the Bell theater for the first half of this week, and it was seen last night by large audiences in spite of the heat. Electric fans kept the theater comfortable.

Zeda, "the fiery dragon," the sensational contortionist; Bancroft and Griffin, a laugh-making pair of black-face comedians, and Fox and Ward, lively singing and dancing girls, make up the vaudeville bill. There are several new pictures on the program.

Death of Mrs. Curry.
News has been received here of the death of Mrs. Lola Curry, wife of Mr. A. J. Curry, of this city, at the home of her aunt, Miss Louise M. Harbaugh, in Baltimore. Mrs. Curry was a sufferer from heart-failure and has been ill since February. The body was interred at Paconian Springs, the former home of Mr. Curry.

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When questioned by the chief Foster told several conflicting stories to him. Among other things he said he represented the Cosmopolitan and Everybody's magazines. Then he declared that he had "had something to come into his life to worry him," and that this started him to drink. Later, he said, he lost his mind and was placed in a sanitarium in Stanford, Conn.

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FACES SERIOUS CHARGE

Foster to Be Tried for Obtaining
Money Under False Pretenses.

HAS MANIA FOR CHECK-WRITING

Prisoner Tells Chief Reynolds That He
Likes to Sign His Name to Big
Checks, But That He Never Realized
on Any—May Be Wanted Elsewhere.

Frederick Foster, who claims to be from Bristol, Conn., and who has a long string of aliases, was arrested yesterday morning by Detective Sergeant Bridgers on a warrant charging him with being drunk, but when his case is called before Justice Brown in the police court he will face the more serious charge of obtaining money under false pretenses. He is now confined to the hospital department of the city jail and it probably will be several days before he will be able to appear in court.

Foster came to this city a week or more ago and registered at the Hotel Warwick. It is said that he drank heavily and later he was taken ill. U. J. Kennedy Corss was called in and said he had the patient moved to the St. Francis Hospital. Foster drew a check for \$100 on the Sixth National Bank, of Philadelphia, and directed Dr. Corss to have the check cashed and to pay his hotel bill and take out the amount of the hospital bill and medical bill.

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represented neither magazine and that he had never been in the sanitarium. The chief also telegraphed to the man's sister in New York, and she refused to pay for the message.

Wrote Many Checks.

A check book taken from Foster shows that he has written checks in other places for amounts ranging anywhere from \$5 to \$1,000. When questioned about these checks, the prisoner said that he had a mania for writing big checks, but that he had never realized on any of them.

Chief Reynolds said yesterday that he would today swear out a warrant against Foster charging him with obtaining money under false pretenses. The chief will make further investigations of his movements in the past as he thinks the prisoner may be wanted in other cities for flashing bogus checks.

Treat Promised.

A treat is promised those who attend the literary and musical entertainment at Tabernacle Baptist church tonight, when Rev. Carter A. Jenkins, pastor of Memorial Baptist church, Hampton, will deliver a lecture, and the following program will be carried out:

Solo, Mr. H. Grief; recitation, Miss Sadie Adams; solo, Miss Buckman; solo, Mr. J. W. Moore; recitation, Miss Janie Meser; solo, Mr. George Murray; lecture, Rev. C. A. Jenkins.

TRUSTEE SALE.

OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE IN THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS. By virtue of a deed of trust, executed by Frank Whitley to the undersigned trustee, bearing date on the 12th day of April, 1907, and recorded in the Clerk's office of the Corporation Court, Newport News, Va., in deed book Number 22, page 196, and at the request of the holder of the notes, therein secured, the undersigned trustee, will sell at public auction, in front of the courthouse, corner of 25th street and Huntington ave., Newport News, Va., on July 2nd, 1909 at 11 o'clock a. m., the following described property to wit:

All that certain lot piece or parcel of land situated in the city of Newport News, Va., known and designed by lot number 64, in block 45, on a certain map, entitled may of the city of Newport News, which said map is duly recorded in the clerk's office of the Corporation Court, of Newport News, Va., in plat book 1, page 3, to which reference is here made, together with the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances, thereto belonging for cash for so much as will settle the balance of the unpaid notes, secured in the deed herein mentioned, together with the past due insurance, and expenses of executing this trust.

The remainder on such terms as Frank Whitley, or his assigns may direct.

C. R. HOSKINS, Trustee.

R. W. REYNOLDS, Auctioneer.

SHAM BATTLE TODAY.

"Armies" of Virginia Military Institute Cadets Meet at Lexington.
(By Associated Press.)

LEXINGTON, VA., June 21.—The board of visitors to the Virginia Military Institute this afternoon announced the following State cadet appointments: R. M. Williams, Ashland; L.

T. Gaylord, Portsmouth; J. E. Koller, Harrisonburg; R. K. Mitchell, Danville; W. B. Boyles, Jr., Roanoke; H. G. Andrews, 34th district.

At large: Catesby, A. C. Jones, W. Haynes, Washington, Read and J. R. Childs.

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CASTLE SOAP, 2 cakes	7c	ROSE'S LIME JUICE, bottle.	35c
ELECTRIC SLICON, package.	8c	HIRES' ROOT BEER, bottle.	15c
A&P. GRAPE JUICE, large.	20c		

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2 checks with 2 boxes A&P. Stove Polish, each	5c
2 checks with 1 can Campbell's Beans	10c
5 checks with 1 jar Royal Cheese	25c
2 checks with 1 bottle Salad Oil	18c
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